UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to File No. 62-6603

Miami, Florida
March 25, 1977

RE: HOUSE SELECT COMMITTEE
ON ASSASSINATIONS

An article appearing in the "Miami Herald" newspaper, Miami, Florida, dated March 14, 1977, captioned "KING Panel Might Call Miami Man", is attached hereto.

In regards to certain allegations and statements contained in the "Miami Herald" newspaper article, the following is noted:

Miami Office files contain no reference reflecting receipt of the information allegedly furnished by WILLIAM SOMERSETT relative to his claim that he overheard a death threat at a union affair in Washington as set forth in said article.

In connection with the statement in the article by CHARLES SAPP, formerly of the Miami Police Department, a review of Miami files does not show the receipt of any information from CHARLES SAPP furnished to him by WILLIAM SOMERSETT.

On March 23, 1977, Supervisor LEONARD C. PETERSON of the Miami Office of the FBI, who was in periodic contact with personnel of the Miami Police Department, Intelligence Division, during 1968, advised that he did not receive and knows of no other FBI employee who received any information concerning a death threat against Reverend MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., during that period.

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